



Assistance for Kinship Caregivers

SUMMIT COUNTY NAVIGATOR

The Navigator's role is to help caregivers manage problems and issues that oftentimes accompany the responsibilities of kinship care. The Navigator provides assistance to any kinship caregiver, regardless of Children Services involvement. Effective August 1st, Luann Auerbach has assumed the position as the Summit County Navigator. Luann can be reached at (330) 375-1195 or via email at LAuerbach@summitkids.org

KINSHIP PERMANENCY INCENTIVE (KPI)

KPI provides time-limited incentive payments to families caring for their kin through legal custody or guardianship. For more information in regard to eligibility and to apply, contact Luann Auerbach at (330) 375-1195.

SUMMIT COUNTY 211

211 is a national program of United Way which helps people across Summit County find local resources when they don't know where to turn for help. Dial 2-1-1 to speak to a trained professional, text your zip code to 898-211 for referrals to utilities and food pantries, or log onto <http://www.211summit.org/> to search local services available to Summit County families.

CASH ASSISTANCE, MEDICAID AND FOOD ASSISTANCE THROUGH ODJFS

NOTE: ODJFS is not completing face-to-face visits with clients for the application process.

Clients/caregivers can continue to apply over the phone at 1-844-640-6446. If relative caregivers need assistance with the application process or have questions about their case they can contact the ODJFS liaison, Teresa Ford (effective 8/1/2020), at (330)379-2093.

RENT AND MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE THROUGH UNITED WAY FUNDED BY THE CARES ACT.

Applications are accepted on line: www.summitcountycares.org.

THE SUMMER CRISIS PROGRAM

Began July 1 and goes through Sept. 30, 2020. The program helps income-eligible Summit County residents maintain their utility service by paying an electric bill, purchasing an air conditioning unit or up to two (2) fans, or paying for central air conditioning repairs.

Scheduled appointments will be completed by phone. To schedule, call 330.436.0261 or visit <https://capappointments.com>. Applications can also be submitted online at www.energyhelp.ohio.gov or by paper.

Required documentation can be dropped off at 670 West Exchange Street in Akron, or 1367 Doty Drive in Springfield, or 105 5th Street in Barberton. Documentation can also be faxed to 330.313.3884 or uploaded if applying online at www.energyhelp.ohio.gov.